

VALENTINO WINS BATTLE FOR LIFE, RECOVERY CERTAIN, SAY DOCTORS

Flapper Throngs Cheer as 'Sheik' Sends His Thanks

Rudolph Valentino has WON his battle with death.

At 11 o'clock this morning his entire staff of physicians issued the following bulletin pronouncing "The Great Lover" OUT OF DANGER. It read:—

"Mr. Valentino is making satisfactory progress and having passed his most critical period; no further bulletins will be issued unless some unexpected development occurs.

"PAUL E. DURHAM,

"HAROLD D. MEEKER,

"G. RANDOLPH MANNING."

A moment later "Rudy" himself gave out a statement that rung with deep heart feeling in which he thanked the untold thousands all over the country for the way they had "watched at his bedside."

"Deeply Touched"

It was as follows:—

"I have been deeply touched by the many telegrams, cables and letters that have come to my bedside.

"It is wonderful to know I have so many friends and well wishers, both among those it has been my privilege to meet and among the loyal, unknown thousands who have seen me on the screen, and whom I have seen not at all.

"Some of the tributes that affected me most have come from my 'fan friends'—men, women and little children. God bless them.

"Indeed I feel that my recovery has been greatly advanced by the encouragement given me by every one.

"RUDOLPH VALENTINO."

A feminine army of enthusiasts who had kept vigil in the corridors of the Polyclinic Hospital cheered and cheered at the news. Some threw their powder puffs into the air in their frenzy of unrestrained joy.

The news was flashed to Broadway and impromptu celebrations were held all along "Cinema Row."

Pola Hears News

Among the first to get the doctor's cheering bulletin was Pola Negri. "Phone her AT ONCE," ordered "the ace of sheiks." Another message went by cable to his brother, now awaiting passage in Genoa back to this city.

It was said that Valentino would remain at the hospital another two weeks and then would be removed to his suite in the Ambassador Hotel for a four weeks' convalescent period. It was also stated that three of the magnificent homes on Long Island's "gold coast" had been tendered to him and his entourage for his convalescent period.

The official bulletin from Valentino's physicians stating unequivocally that he was "out of danger" fell like a bombshell of joy. Earlier reports from the sick room were to the effect that Valentino had suffered a serious setback.

Drug Brought to Hospital

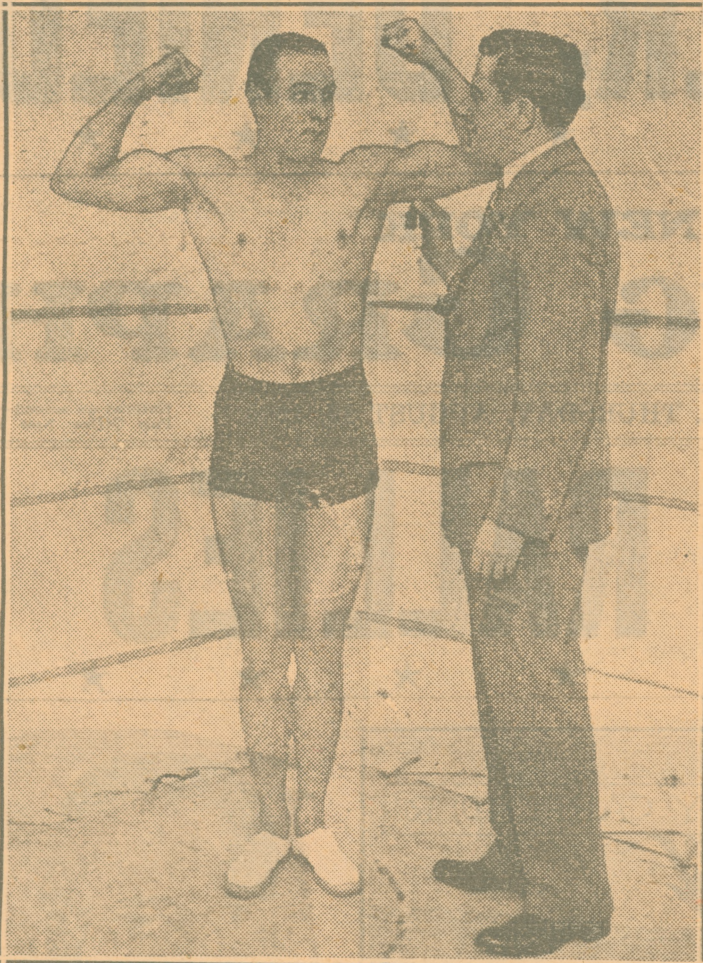
Excitement leaped to fever heat when at 9 o'clock a cab dashed up to the hospital and ground to a stop. From it leaped a messenger from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In his hand was a precious vial of metaphen, a drug not available in New York, and which is said to possess the ability to offset blood poisoning.

It was learned that at midnight the doctors had sent a hurried message to the Philadelphia institution asking for this drug. It is said that it "is a preventive, or at least will check peritonitis."

Valentino has three shifts of nurses, three to a shift. Always

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100 Per Cent. Perfection



MEASUREMENTS almost identical with those of Jack Delaney, fistic champion, and in A1 physical condition, was the verdict of Dr. Henry J. Schireson after he had examined the now stricken Rudy Valentino in Chicago only a few weeks ago.

'Sheik's' Perfect Physique Praised by Chicago Medic

Several weeks ago, while in Chicago, Rudolph Valentino, apprehensive of his health, underwent a physical examination. Dr. Henry J. Schireson, famous plastic surgeon, found him a perfect man physically, and assured him that, should anything befall him, his superior strength would pull him through.

Girl's Purse Found. Empty but for Rudy Bulletin

This is the tale of a girl's purse picked up in City Hall Place and brought to The GRAPHIC city desk.

It is of leather; its cost never exceeded 25 cents, and it was empty when found, and yet full—very full—of evidence of human interest and affection that mere money cannot buy.

The contents? Just a heading torn from a newspaper, saying that Rudolph Valentino was holding his own in the crisis of his illness. There were no coins, nor beads, nor lipstick.

Poor girl! Flapper, if you choose.

When the screen star fully recovers, the owner not laying claim to the purse meantime, it is proposed to send it to the actor as a tribute more suggestive and tender than perhaps any other of the thousands of splendid ones he has received lying on a bed of pain.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges ---- \$808,000,000
Balances ---- 84,000,000
Credit balance.. 81,000,000

Find Woman, Throat Cut, Slain in Vacant House

An unidentified woman, about 50, was found dead on the first floor of an untenanted two-story building at 100 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, this morning with a deep knife gash in her throat.

It is Brooklyn's third murder within a week.

Patrolman Harris noticed two Italians leave the vacant building at 7.45 this morning. Going into the building he found the dead woman. He raced to the street, but the two Italians had disappeared.

Capt. McClusky, in charge of the detectives of the Flatbush Avenue station, rushed a detail to the scene.

The woman wore a black dress, tan shoes, flesh colored stockings, and white underwear.

An ambulance surgeon said the woman had been dead but a short time.

HYLAN TO BUILD NEW \$35,000 HOME IN QUEENS

Former Mayor John F. Hylan has announced his plans for

abandoning his old home in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn and will reside in Forest Hills, Queens, as soon as a new home, to cost \$35,000, is completed. Plans were filed with the building bureau in Queens.

John F. Hylan reau in Queens.

THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Mostly cloudy; probably rain tonight and Friday; continued cool; fresh northeast to east winds.

EASTERN NEW YORK—Cloudy, probably followed by rain tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; fresh east winds.

Hour.	Temp.	Weather.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight..	65	Cloudy	30.02	E. 13
2 a. m. . .	65	Cloudy	30.00	E. 13
4 a. m. . .	64	Cloudy	30.00	E. 14
6 a. m. . .	62	Pt. cloudy	30.01	E. 14
8 a. m. . .	63	Pt. cloudy	30.02	E. 15
10 a. m. . .	66	Pt. cloudy	30.04	E. 15

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Jury to Decide Today Fate of Crying Bandits

Before sundown, the five "cry baby" bandits, headed by Philip Oberst, will know their fate. On trial before the Bronx county grand jury for assault and attempted robbery in connection with the holding up of the Liccione Bank, the gang will hear the verdict of the jury today.

Defense counsel wrung an admission from Acting Police Capt.

Bruckman, that statements, purporting to be admissions from Kerrigan, a member of the gang, were partly false.

Bruckman and defense counsel, James A. Yurley, nearly came to blows when the former said it was part of the "common defense" to testify to police brutality.

Dr. Herman T. Radin, visiting physician of the Bronx county jail, stated that an examination of the accused men revealed no indications of a beating.

Taxes in 5 Years \$2,000,000,000

In a review made on the fifth anniversary of his taking office, Frank K. Bowers, collector of internal revenue for the Manhattan district, announces that taxpayers and corporations had paid a total of more than \$2,000,000,000 to the Federal government through his department during his administration.

This sum represents payments made from August, 1921, to June, 1926. Income taxes paid through Collector Bowers's offices in that period totaled \$1,565,127,769, and stamp any other taxes \$515,124,028.

Radio Searches Britain For Bereaved Son Of Stillman

LONDON, Aug. 19 (By U. P.).

The long arm of radio still was searching for Elliott Stillman today to inform him of the death aboard the Aquitania this week of his father, Charles C. Stillman, brother of James A. Stillman.

"To Elliott Stillman, now touring Scotland on a bicycle," says the message, "please sail for America on the next ship."

Similar S O S is being sent to Mrs. William Rockefeller, another relative, who is touring England in an automobile.



Philip Oberst